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1. The following troop trains were dispatched from Riesa 25X1
between 18 and 27 October 1951: 25X1

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	Receiving Station
18 October	6 cars with troops	Grimma
19 October	63 cars with tanks and vehicles; dispatched from Dornitz near Riesa	Dorna
	34 cars with troops	Leisnig
24 October	33 cars with troops	Bautzen
	37 cars with troops	Bautzen
25 October	45 cars with troops	Kamenz
	15 cars with troops and tanks	Kamenz
	58 cars with troops	Dresden
	48 cars with troops	Niedersedlitz
26 October	41 cars with vehicles	Dresden
27 October	19 cars with vehicles	Dresden

2. On 26 October, three troop trains moving toward Dresden were observed on the Weixdorf-Klotzsche line. The first train consisted of 10 boxcars with troops and a few flatcars with AT guns and trucks. The second train, which passed through Weixdorf at 6:30 p.m., carried tanks and trucks and had two flatcars loaded with bedsteads. The 25X1

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third train carried troops, small tanks trucks and tank trucks, and also had two flatcars loaded with bedsteads. (2)

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3. Troop trains

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between 1 and 4 November included:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1 November	11 boxcars and 35 flatcars; 746 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow
	10 boxcars and 26 flatcars; 655 tons	Jaevenitz	Boetzow
2 November	10 boxcars and 27 flatcars; 695 tons	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	12 boxcars and 20 flatcars; 659 tons	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	10 boxcars and 37 flatcars; 828 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	8 boxcars and 35 flatcars; 734 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
3 November	6 boxcars and 37 flatcars; 1,051 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	7 boxcars and 25 flatcars; 702 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
4 November	6 boxcars and 31 flatcars; 667 tons	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord

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4. On 16 November, 1,200 to 1,500 recruits wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets arrived at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station aboard shuttle-train from Gerdauen. The soldiers marched to Wald Kaserne II.

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5. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 12 and 15 November:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Brest Litovsk</u>	<u>From Brest Litovsk</u>
12 November	300 and 310	310 and 300
13 November	290 and 300	280 and 320
14 November	310 and 290	310 and 300
15 November	280 and 320	300 and 290

6. Two trains, each of 53 boxcars with military personnel, arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 15 and 16 November respectively. The soldiers were seen leaving in

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groups of 150 aboard civilian trains for posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany on 16 and 17 November. (5)

Comments.

- (1) The observation of several columns of vehicles belonging to all divisions of the First Gds Mecz Army in the Oschatz area on 16 October and the rail movements of headquarters engineer troops from the direction of Meissen toward Oschatz, at about the same time, indicated that a major field exercise may have been held in the Oschatz-Riesa area in the second half of October, which, possibly extended as far as the east bank of the Elbe River, since engineer troops participated. [redacted] The troop trains, which, according to paragraph 1 of the present report, went from Riesa to home stations of both the 11th Gds Tank Div and 8th Gds Mecz Div are vaguely indicative that field exercises were held in the Oschatz-Riesa area. (2) As the second train carried a component of the 11th Gds Tank Div, all three trains probably came from Koenigsbruck. [redacted]

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[redacted] the present report indicate that only some elements of the First Gds Mecz Army's divisions could have participated in the field exercise mentioned in [redacted] Comment (1) of the present report, while other elements of the same divisions remained at the troop training grounds until their return to their home stations.

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